

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7, 12-15, now renumbered as claims 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 4-7,12-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a system for recording product data on a plurality of products the system comprising a server computer ... , a database ..., an application to manage entry ..., a product information section ..., a file management section ..., a report generation section and a client computer in communication with the server computer , the application being accessible by the user on the client computer.

3. The closest prior art Bauer et al (US 6,691,127) teaches a server computer ... , a database ..., an application to manage entry ..., a product information section ..., a file management section ..., a report generation section and a client computer in communication with the server computer , the application being accessible by the user on the client computer.

Ladouceur et al (US 2002/0116372) teaches means for providing, updating and reviewing source information, product information and characteristic information and source information including code information, site information, name information.

Bauer et al, Ladouceur et al and prior art of record fail to anticipate or render obvious the recited feature of:

Regarding independent claim 4, the product information section further comprises means for selecting a product from the product list of the designated product source; product information includes number information, drawing

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information, and description information for the selected product; and the means for providing, updating and reviewing product information further comprises: means for assigning a product to the designated product source; means for removing a product from the designated product source; and means for retrieving product information from the database for a product based on number information provided by the user.

Regarding independent claim 5, the product list includes a list of characteristics for each product in the product list; the product information section further comprises means for selecting a product and a characteristic from the product list of the designated product source; characteristic information includes name information, type information, specification information, requirement information, and tolerance information; and the means for providing, updating and reviewing characteristic information further comprises: means for assigning a characteristic to the selected product; and means for removing a characteristic from the selected product.

Regarding independent claim 6, the file management section further comprises means for selecting a product source; the means for performing a bulk transfer of process capability information further comprises: means for selecting at least one product from the selected product source for a transfer of process capability information; means for providing, updating and reviewing product data and process capability information for the selected at least one part; means for uploading the provided and updated product data and process capability information to the server computer; and means for updating the database with

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the uploaded product data and process capability information from the server computer.

Regarding independent claim 12, the characteristic system further comprises means for selecting a product from the product list of the designated source; product information includes number information, drawing information, and description information for the selected product; and the means for entering product information on a product further comprises: means for updating previously entered product information; means for assigning a product to the designated source; means for removing a product from the designated source; and means for retrieving product information from the database for a product based on the number information provided by the user.

Regarding independent claim 13, the product list includes a list of characteristics for each product in the product list; the characteristic system further comprises means for selecting a product and a characteristic from the product list of the designated source; characteristic information includes name information, type information, specification information, requirement information, and tolerance information; and the means for entering characteristic information on a product further comprises: means for updating previously entered characteristic information; means for assigning a characteristic to the selected product; and means for removing a characteristic from the selected product.

Regarding independent claim 14, wherein the means for performing a bulk transfer of process capability information further comprises: means for selecting at least one product for a transfer of process capability information; means for

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updating product data for the selected at least one part; means for uploading the updated product data to the server computer; and means for updating the database with the uploaded product data from the server computer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Rayyan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4117. The examiner can normally be reached M-F: 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for Official communications, (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications and (703) 746-7240 for Status inquiries and draft communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.


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Primary Examiner